## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 21-CV-935-JPS

v.

BLESSING K. EGBON,

CONSENT JUDGMENT

Defendant.

**Decision by Court**. This action came on for consideration before the Court and a decision has been rendered.

**IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the parties' agreed motion for entry of a consent judgment, ECF No. 12, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Defendant Blessing K. Egbon ("Defendant") has entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over Defendant and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Consent Judgment; waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Consent Judgment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Consent Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Consent Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)] and/or Section 20(e) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(e)]], Defendant is prohibited from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, upon motion of the Commission, the Court shall determine whether it is appropriate to order disgorgement of ill-gotten gains and/or a civil penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)] and, if so, the amount(s) of the disgorgement and/or civil penalty. If disgorgement is ordered, Defendant shall pay prejudgment interest thereon, calculated from August 18, 2016, based on the rate of interest used by the Internal Revenue Service for the underpayment of federal income tax as set forth in 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, upon motion of the Commission, the Court shall determine whether it is appropriate to bar Defendant from participating in an offering of penny stock pursuant to Section 20(g) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(g)] and Section 21(d)(6) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(6)], including engaging in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of issuing, trading, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock and, if so, the length and scope of such bar. A penny stock is any equity security that has a price of less than five dollars, except as provided in Rule 3a51-1 under the Exchange Act [17 C.F.R. 240.3a51-1].

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, in connection with the Commission's motion(s) for disgorgement and/or civil penalties and for a penny stock bar, and at any hearing(s) held on such motion(s): (a) Defendant will be precluded from arguing that he did not violate the federal securities laws as alleged in the Complaint; (b) Defendant may not challenge the validity of Defendant's Consent or this Consent Judgment; (c) solely for the purposes of such motion(s), the allegations of the Complaint shall be accepted as and deemed true by the Court; and (d) the Court may determine the issues raised in the motion(s) on the basis of affidavits, declarations, excerpts of sworn deposition or investigative testimony, and documentary evidence, without regard to the

standards for summary judgment contained in Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In connection with the Commission's motion(s) for disgorgement and/or civil penalties and for a penny stock bar, the parties may take discovery, including discovery from appropriate non-parties.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that Defendant's Consent is incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and that Defendant shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523, the allegations in the Complaint are true and admitted by Defendant, and further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by Defendant under this Consent Judgment or any other judgment, order, consent order, decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the violation by Defendant of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Consent Judgment.

APPROVED:

J.P. Stadtmueller U.S. District Judge

GINA M. COLLETTI Clerk of Court s/ Jodi L. Malek

By: Deputy Clerk

May 18, 2022

Date